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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: DERIVATIVES OF SUCCINIC AND
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PHEX – Denis Gravel et al.*
Our Ref. No. GOUD:045US / Matter No. 10025228

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Transmitted herewith for filing is a 112-page patent specification including 33 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-5 on 5 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Denis Gravel, Elaref S. Ratemi, Mostafa Hatam, Guy Boileau, Philippe Crine and Isabella Lemire for the captioned invention.

☒ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor's Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicant's representative.

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